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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

*New nonprovisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)*

This application is a continuation under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of prior application No. 10/151,361, filed May 17, 2002.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form *(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages  ]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Pages  ]
4. ☒ Inventors' Declaration [Total Pages  ]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)*  
*[Note Box 5 below]*
    - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference *(useable if Box 4b is checked)*. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program *(Appendix)*

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
- b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

**DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
(when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copy of IDS  
Citation
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check the appropriate box  
and supply the requisite information.

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/151,361, filed May  
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a. ☒ Applicant asserts small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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23. Other: Transmittal of Formal Drawing Sheet with Sheet ¾ of drawings  
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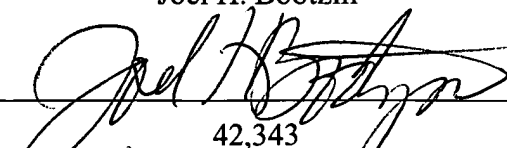
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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWING**

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith one sheet (Sheet 3 of 4) of the formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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